

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

July 19, 1983

The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the Boardroom of MSD's Administration Building at 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 1983.

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Crowe called the roll. In addition to the Chairman, the following members were present: Messrs. Batts, Boggs, Clark, Dent, Pope, Smith, Warlick, and Williams and Mrs. Sciara.

Mr. Dent moved that the minutes of the June 21 meeting stand approved as written, and Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. W. H. Mull, Engineer-Manager, reported on the following:

- a. Proposal for a new monitoring van: After Mr. Mull presented specifications to the Board for the purchase of a new monitoring van, Mr. Clark moved that the Board authorize advertising for bids according to the specifications presented with the exception of power door locks. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- b. Hydroelectric project update: Mr. Stevens told the Board that he and Mr. Mull, together with Mr. Bason, the MSD fish expert, and Mr. Woodruff of HH&A, had attended a meeting in Washington July 7 to review the District's options and seek expert legal advice regarding the progress of the hydroelectric project. As a result of the meeting, Mr. Mull recommended that the MSD file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an exemption from licensing based on the present state of demands and concerns of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Stevens reviewed with the Board his letter to Mr. Mull of July 13 concerning various alternatives open to the MSD. Following discussion among the Board members, Mr. Smith moved that the Board apply for exemption from licensing for this project with the understanding that the MSD agrees to satisfy Fish & Wildlife regarding the incorporation of screening facilities, a fish passage device, and the maintenance of minimum flows at such time they are proven necessary and practical. Mr. Dent seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A further matter concerning the hydroelectric facility was discussed having to do with expenses involved in planning for the project. Mr. Stevens reviewed with the Board members his discussion with Bond counsel and the contents of a letter he wrote Mr. Mull dated July 5, 1983, concerning the matter. Mr. Stevens told the Board members that New York counsel agreed that MSD can spend money for the hydroelectric project if it is in the best interest of the MSD to do so and is done on the recommendation of the engineer-manager and the consulting engineers. Recommendation by the consulting engineers can be accomplished by amending their annual report to call for design and construction of the hydroelectric facilities, which will be presented to the Board at the August 16 meeting.

Mr. Huber presented to the Board a proposal which, upon acceptance and execution by the MSD Board, would become a contract for engineering services to prepare construction plans and specifications for the hydroelectric facilities. After discussion, Mr. Boggs recommended that a committee be established to review and make recommendations to the full Board on the awarding of design contracts for the hydroelectric project and that the Board ask Chairman Robinson to contact CP&L officials and ask them to provide the MSD Board with expert advice regarding guidelines to follow in proceeding with the hydroelectric facilities. It was the concensus of the Board that these recommendations be carried out. Chairman Robinson agreed to contact CP&L but deferred action on appointment of a committee.

- c. Status report on Hominy Valley, South Buncombe, and Weaverville projects: Hominy Valley: Phases I and II are complete; Phase III is 96% complete, with a projected completion date of 8/31/83. South Buncombe: Phase I is complete; Phase II is 91% complete; Phase III is 8% complete; Phase IV is yet to be bid. Weaverville: 41% complete, with project completion date of 11/31/83. This report was received as information by the Board.

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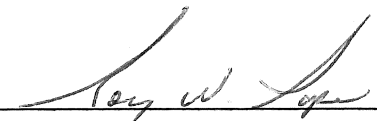
- d. Right-of-Way Review Committee: Nothing to report under this item this meeting.
- e. Request for Special Order by Consent for Main Plant: Mr. Mull told the Board that he had written the State asking for a Special Order by Consent which would lift a moratorium on connections to the MSD system in view of the fact that the plant has been averaging 26-28 MGD for the past several months due to an exceptionally high groundwater table but has been producing an excellent effluent well within the parameters of the NPDES permit. Mr. Smith moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed Special Order by Consent when and if it arrives from the State, after approval by MSD's attorney. Mr. Pope seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- f. Plant upgrade and expansion status: Mr. Mull told the Board that he will have more information on the BAF units at the next Board meeting, along with different alternatives available to MSD for plant upgrade and expansion and cost estimates for same.
- g. Request for rebate of sewer service charges: Mr. Mull presented to the Board a memorandum from Bob Ensley requesting rebate of sewer service charges made to Mr. Hillary D. Morris from April, 1977, through August 31, 1982. Mr. Morris, who lives at 308 Lakeshore Drive, discovered his home is connected to a septic tank and requested reimbursement of sewer service charges paid in the amount of \$116.16. Mr. Clark moved that the Board authorize reimbursing Mr. Morris the full amount of \$116.16, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Warlick expressed appreciation to the Board and to MSD for memorials for his mother, who passed away recently.

Mr. Smith moved that the Board reelect the present officers for the Fiscal Year 1983-84, and Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Date of the next regular meeting of the MSD Board is scheduled for August 16, 1983.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.



 Secretary